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SUBJECT: CSCE: POSITIONS OF ALLIES-- PART-5- DENMARK

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, WE TRANSMIT BELOW OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE OF PARTICULAR CONCERNS WHICH DENMARK HAS IN CSCE. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEMPTED TO ELABORATE ON SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL CONCERN TO ALL OR MOST NATO ALLIES, AND OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE.

2. INFLUENCE OF NORDIC CAUCUS-- ALL THREE NORDIC ALLIES-- DENMARK, NORWAY AND ICELAND-- ARE STRONGLY INFLUENCED IN THEIR APPORACH TO CSCE BY THEIR DESIRE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE INFORMAL NORDIC CAUCUS. SINCE THIS GROUP INCLUDES TWO NEUTRALS-- SWENDEN AND FINLAND-- THIS DESIRE OFTEN CONFLICTS WITH THE DANES' WISH TO MAINTAIN EC-NINE OR NATO SOLIDARITY. THE GENERAL EFFECT IS TO MAKE THE DANES MORE WILLING TO COMPROMISE THEN MOST OTHER ALLIES, AND TO REINFORCE THEIR DESIRE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO CSCE.

3. PRINCIPLES-- DENMARK SHARES GENERAL ALLIED GOALS OF PROTECTION OF WESTERN POSITIONS, AND ATTENUATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

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4. MILITARY ASPECTS-- DENMARK SHARES GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF NATO ALLIES TO HAVE SOME MODEST MILITARY CONTENT IN CSCE, IN FORM OF MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT OF CMBS.

5. ECONOMICS-- EC-NINE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON TRADE ISSUES, WHICH COMPRISE THE BULK OF ECONOMIC SUBJECTS IN CSCE. THEIR BASIC OBJECTIVE IS TO LIBERALIZE EASTERN TRADE REGIMES, WHILE RETAINING POSSIBILITIES FOR USE OF PROTECTIVE DEVICES AGAINST POTENTIALLY DAMAGING EASTERN TRADE PRACTICES.

6. BASKET III--

(A) GENERAL -- DENMARK SHARES GENERAL ALLIED OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING SOME MEANINGFUL FREER MOVEMENT PROVISIONS, PARTICULARLY UNDER HEADINGS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION, MARRIAGE, TRAVEL, AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS.

(B) HUMAN CONTACTS-- DANES SERVE AS EC-NINE NEGOTIATING SPOKESMAN ON HUMAN CONTACTS ISSUES, AND THEREFORE TAKE A LEADING AND INTERESTED ROLE IN ALL SUBJECTS UNDER THIS HEADING.

7. FOLLOW-UP-- DESPITE THEIR OWN INCLINATIONS TOWARD SOME FORM OF REGULAR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY, DANES PUT FORWARD THE EC-NINE PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF HIGH OFFICIALS. THEY HAVE BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE IN THIS ROLE EVER SINCE, AND HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO COMPROMISE ON SOMETHING RESEMBLING THE FINNISH IDEA FOR A FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE.DALE

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